

## The King's Diamond.

LENGTH, 1085 FEET.

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Louis XV of France, having dined well, enters the Council Chamber of his Ministers who are holding a secret session. Infuriated at their reports, he leaves in a towering rage, while they seem stunned and helpless.

Shortly after, Vicomte enters and proposes a plan to appease the King—that is to send to England for a famous diamond—purchase it and bring it secretly to France. The Vicomte, who is a villain at heart, intends having the messenger waylaid by a band of outlaws and seize the priceless jewel.

"Fontenelle" a young marquis is selected for the important mission. He secures the diamond but suffers shipwreck. Landing on a barren coast he seeks shelter at an old inn. The proprietor is none other than the outlaw leader who drugs his wine and endeavors to secure the jewel. "Fontenelle" by a quick pounce Helene, is insulted by the King while on a frolic and is knocked down by Fontenelle. He is put in prison and Pompadour obtains his temporary release, during which she again pleads for his love. Being refused she orders his re-incarceration, but by a clever ruse he walks out to freedom. Once at liberty he flies to his home only to learn of the abduction of Helene and the stealing of the diamond. Tracking the outlaw to his rookery he rescues the girl, and on a raft desperately battles with the outlaw, secures the gem and despatches the thief. He repairs to the palace where the ball is in progress and arrives just in time to present the jewel—and denounces the Vicomte who is made prisoner. Fontenelle is commended for his valour and suitably rewarded by the King.

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sage-at-arms escapes. Arriving at his home he is received with great joy. Mme. Pompadour, the King's favorite, shows her affection for him which he receives coldly.



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